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PREFACE.

The following Services, mainly borrowed from other Dioceses, fall into two classes; I-IX. being for use by the Bishop or under his mandate, those which follow by the parochial Clergy. They are hereby sanctioned for use in churches in this Diocese.

The Bishop desires to call the attention of the Clergy to the fact that Services other than those of the Prayer Book, even though they are made up of portions of Holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer, require to be approved by the Ordinary, both as to "the Form of Service and the mode in which it is used" (*Act of Uniformity Amendment*, 4). Any special Services, therefore, not included in this book (such as Guild Services, Services of Preparation for Holy Communion) require to be sanctioned by the Ordinary for each church in which it is desired to use them.

The difference should generally be marked between such supplemental Services and the Common Prayers or Offices of the Church, by saying the former elsewhere than in the Chancel and without a surplice. They must not be allowed in any way to supplant or obscure the daily Morning and Evening Prayer and the Service of Holy Communion, as appointed in the Prayer Book. Nor are any special Lessons or Psalms ever to be substituted for those appointed in the Prayer Book as "proper" for Sundays and Holy Days.

In the Services contained in this book, the Psalms, &c. have not been given at length in the case of those Services which will generally be reprinted on each occasion when they are used.

I hope that as time goes on, and more information is at my command, other Forms (as for Children's Services, Memorial Services, &c.) may be provided.

For assistance in compiling those here offered to the Diocese, I have to thank several of the Clergy who have helped me.

C. BIRMINGHAM:

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PART I.

I.

THE OFFICE FOR LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A CHURCH.

The Bishop, with the Clergy and others, shall proceed to the spot where the Foundation Stone is to be laid ; while the following Hymn is sung :

Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

To this Temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day,
With Thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear Thy servants as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee for ever
With the Blessèd to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
Praise and honour to the Son,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While eternal ages run. Amen.

*Then the Bishop (or some other Minister appointed by him),
shall read this Preface following :*

Dearly beloved in the Lord, we are gathered together here to lay the Foundation Stone of a building which we humbly trust may in due time be consecrated as a House of God ;

And first, let us praise God's Holy Name for the mercy and goodness with which He has so far prospered our work ; and let us further devoutly pray, that He will of His good Providence bless all who in any way contribute to its completion ; that He will protect from danger those who may be engaged in the building ; and that He will send His blessing upon our undertaking.

Then shall be sung or said, Ps. lxxxiv. as follows :

(To be repeated fully by all). My House shall be called :
the House of Prayer. Alleluia.

O how amiable are Thy dwellings : Thou Lord of hosts !

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the

courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will be alway praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee : in whose heart are Thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

For one day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

(To be repeated fully by all). My House shall be called :
the House of Prayer. Alleluia.

Then shall be read the Lesson. Ezra iii. 10, 11 ; or, Zech.
iv. 6-10.

Then shall be said or sung :

*V. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious :
for His mercy endureth for ever.*

*R. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious :
for His mercy endureth for ever.*

V. O give thanks unto the God of all gods.

R. For His mercy endureth for ever.

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to
the Holy Ghost.*

*R. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious :
for His mercy endureth for ever.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

V. Except the Lord build the house :

R. Their labour is but lost that build it.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord :

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord :

R. From this time forth for evermore.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer :

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Then shall the Bishop say,

The Lord be with you.

Ans. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Almighty Lord God, who, although the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee, yet dost vouchsafe to dwell with Thy Church here on earth; visit, we beseech Thee, with Thy loving-kindness, this place whereon we lay the foundations of a house to the praise and honour of Thy

Holy Name. Let it not be profaned to impiety or put to common use, and, as Thou didst fulfil the devotion of Thy servant David through the labours of his son, so likewise grant that our desire may be accomplished, that Thy servants may see Thy work, and their children Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop, laying his hand upon the Stone, shall say,

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, who art the brightness of the Father's Glory, and the express image of His Person; the one Foundation, and the chief Corner Stone; bless what we now do in laying this Stone in Thy Name, and be Thou, we beseech Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the Glory of Thy Name, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then, all things being made ready, the Stone shall be laid by the Person appointed thereto, with these words:

In the Faith of Jesus Christ, we place this Stone, in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop say,

Here let the true faith and fear of God, with brotherly love, ever abide; and may this place, now set apart with prayers, and with the invocation and praise of the Most Holy Name, be evermore the Temple of the Most High God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Here shall be sung the Doxology :

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, angelic host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified ; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, especially for those who have given of their substance to this good work ; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who art the shield and defence of Thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech Thee, to protect and succour the builders of this house : keep them in their building from all sin and profaneness, and shelter them from all accident and peril ; that the work which, through Thy mercy, hath now been begun, may by their labour be brought to a happy end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone ; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

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II.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH.

Note.—Before the Consecration of a Church takes place, due notice shall have been given to the Archdeacon, or some other Officer appointed in his place by the Bishop, who shall visit and inspect the Church, to see that it is properly furnished and equipped for the Celebration of the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church according to the use of the Church of England; and he shall have made his report to the Bishop.

The Bishop attended by his Chaplains and Registrar shall proceed, with the Vicar and Churchwardens, to the West door of the Church, the rest of the Clergy and the Choir awaiting him within the Church at the West end.

Outside the Church, a Petition, signed by the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Parishioners, will be delivered to the Bishop by the Churchwardens in the name of those present, saying,

Reverend Father in God, we pray you to consecrate this Church.

And the Bishop shall answer :

Let the consecration proceed.

Then the Bishop will knock three times upon the closed door, saying :

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.

Answer shall be made from within by the Choir and people.

Who is the King of Glory ?

The Bishop shall answer :

The Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

The door shall then be thrown open, and the Bishop shall enter and say :

Enter, O Lord, this House, we beseech Thee, and within the hearts of Thy faithful people establish for Thyself an everlasting habitation : that this Church which is built to Thy glory may be glorified also by Thine abiding presence : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace be to this House from God our heavenly Father.
Peace be to this House from His Son who is our Peace.
Peace be to this House from the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

The Choir and Clergy, with the Bishop, shall then proceed up the Church ; and, if convenient, afterwards make a circuit of the Church, singing the Litany (or clauses of it) as far as the Lord's Prayer : or Psalm lxviii, or cxxii.

N. B. *The people shall stand till the prayer on p. 14.*

When the Bishop has reached the Chancel steps, he shall say :

O God, who hallowest the places that Thou hast chosen to set Thy name there, pour down Thy grace upon this house of prayer, that all who here shall call upon Thy Name may have full assurance of Thy merciful aid : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then ascending the Chancel steps, he shall stand at the entry of the Choir, attended by the Epistoller and Gospeller, and shall begin the Consecration, saying :

Bishop. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Bishop. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Bishop. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Bishop.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, Eternal Goodness, who embracest all things in heaven and earth, and keepest mercy for Thy people who walk in the light of Thy glory. Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayers of Thy servants, that Thine eyes may be open unto this house day and night. Send down upon this building, now solemnly set apart to Thee in honour of ———, the grace of Thy dedication, the dew of Thy mercy, and the glory of Thine own proper majesty. Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, favourably to receive and graciously to accept all who shall come to worship Thee in this place. Forasmuch as Thy name is great, Thy hand is strong, and Thine arm uplifted, be ready to succour those that

plead with Thee here: hearken for the worthiness of Thine honour, and protect them with unceasing care, that they may abide in felicity, rejoice in Thy service, and continue steadfast in the catholic faith of the Holy and Blessed Trinity: through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall be sung Ps. xliii., during which the Choir shall proceed to their places in the Chancel, and the Bishop to the Altar; then shall he say:

Dearly beloved brethren, let us pray to Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that He, hearkening to our cry, will of His great mercy sanctify with His blessing this Altar [*or*, Holy Table] now to be consecrated for holy rites; that He will alway vouchsafe to bless and sanctify the oblations of His servants and handmaids, in due devotion offered thereon; that as the sweet savour of these spiritual sacrifices ascends before His throne, He will ever be ready graciously to hearken unto His people when they make their prayer unto Him.

Almighty God, give ear to the prayers which we humbly present before Thee; hallow this Altar [*or*, Holy Table] and the vessels thereof through the invocation of Thy Holy Name; and grant that the offerings made upon this Holy Table may be acceptable and well pleasing unto Thee, through the grace and power of Thy Holy Spirit. Harken evermore to the supplications of Thy household in this place, lighten their load of trouble and heal their diseases, grant their petitions and accept their resolutions, strengthen their good hopes and fulfil their holy desires: that we may ever draw nigh to the gift of Thy grace with conscience sound and undefiled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop seat himself in his chair, while a table is placed before him, and shall order the Sentence of Consecration to be read by the Chancellor or Registrar. Which done, the Bishop shall sign it and declare the Church to be Consecrated, and shall order the document to be enrolled and preserved in the muniments of the Registry of the Diocese.

Finally, the Bishop shall pronounce the Sentence of Consecration :

By virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God, we do now consecrate, and for ever set apart from all profane and common uses, this House of God, under the name of ———, and to the glory of the ever-blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

HYMN 396 (*Part 2*).

The Bishop will then proceed with the Communion Service.

COLLECT.

O God, who dwellest invisible in the heavens, and yet for the salvation of man dost manifest Thy power upon earth; pour down upon this place the light of Thy countenance; that all who come hither to seek Thy Face and cry to Thee from the midst of any tribulation, may attain the satisfaction of Thy pitying love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

O Holy God, merciful Father, who didst accept the offering of Abel and the willing sacrifice of Abraham; who didst command Thy servant Moses to institute Sacrifices as shadows of the one Offering of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: Bless, we beseech Thee this Altar for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries wherein is shown forth the perpetual Memorial of the one most blessed Sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, who once for all suffered for the sins of the whole world, and now ever liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God world without end. *Amen.*

FOR THE EPISTLE. Rev. xxi. 1-7.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.

THE GOSPEL. St. Matt. xxi. 12-16.

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple; and He healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto Him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea: have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

HYMN at the OFFERTORY, 148 (*part 2*).

HYMN during the ADMINISTRATION, 146.

Before the Blessing the Bishop shall add :

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy *servants* to erect this House to Thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families, and substance, and accept the works of their hand: remember them concerning this; wipe not out this kindness that they have shewed for the House of their God, and the offices thereof; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may shew forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life, we

beseech Thee to shed forth upon Thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of Thy light and heavenly comfort, and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served Thee here and are at rest, may with them at length enter into Thine unending joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Note.—To the Service of Consecration may be added, as occasion shall serve, the Form for the Dedication of Special Parts of a Church; as in the Service for Dedication (see p. 31); these Dedications may be performed by the Archdeacon, Rural Dean, or Incumbent, by the Bishop's appointment.

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III.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

OR

MISSION CHAPEL.

Note.—The Church or Chapel to be dedicated shall be previously visited by the Archdeacon or other Officer ; (see Rubric at the beginning of the Service for the Consecration of a Church, p. 11.)

The Bishop, having declared his readiness to proceed to the Dedication, shall pass with the Clergy, the Churchwardens and others, towards the Holy Table, Psalm cxxii. being meanwhile said or sung :

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The Bishop, standing at the Holy Table, and turning to the people, shall say :

Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Holy Spirit, or by express command of God, have erected Houses for the public worship of God, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His glorious Majesty, and to affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service ; which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father : let us not doubt but He will also graciously approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place to the performance of the several offices of religious worship ; and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this our undertaking.

Then, the people kneeling, the Bishop shall say :

O eternal God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise Thy

special presence in whatever place two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name to offer their supplications and their praises to Thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to set apart this place, with all humility and readiness of heart, to the honour of Thy great Name; accept at our hands this House for the ministering of Thy Word and Sacraments; to the promotion of Thy Glory, and the salvation of Thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased Thee, by Thy good Spirit, to put into the hearts of Thy servants the desire to erect this House to Thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families and substance, and accept the work of their hands; and grant, we beseech Thee, that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use thereof, to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bishop, with the Clergy and Choir, shall then proceed to the Font [whilst the following is sung]:

[We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

We love the sacred Font;
- For there the Holy Dove
To pour is ever wont,
His blessings from above.]

N. B. *The people stand throughout till the Prayer,
Almighty God, p. 26.*

At the Font. Titus iii. 5-7.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

V. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

R. One God and Father of all.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Regard, O Lord, the supplications of this Thy congregation; and bless this Font, which we now hallow for Thy service, that it may be a laver of the new birth for all who shall be baptized herein; and grant that they, being washed and sanctified with the Holy Ghost, may die to sin and rise with Christ unto righteousness, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[It is the house of prayer,
Wherein Thy servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.]

At the Chancel steps. 2 Cor. i. 21, 22.

Now He that stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that all, who in this place shall renew the promises and vows of their Baptism, may be confirmed and strengthened with power from on high, and, receiving the sevenfold gift of the Holy Ghost, may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to Thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Genesis ii. 18.

The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

V. What God hath joined together.

R. Let not man put asunder.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that they who shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and remain in perfect love and peace together unto their lives' end. *Amen.*

[We love the Word of life,
The Word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.]

At the Lectern. 2 Timothy iii. 16, 17.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

V. Thy Word is a lantern unto my feet.

R. And a light unto my paths.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that all who in this place shall read the Scriptures, which Thou hast given us, may be filled with the faith of Thy Gospel and with thankfulness to Thee, who dost reveal Thyself to men by the Word of Life, and may so read that all shall understand ; and grant that all who hear may receive that word into honest and good hearts, and may bring forth fruit with patience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Pulpit. 2 Timothy iv. 2.

Preach the word ; be instant in season, out of season ; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine.

V. When Thy Word goeth forth,

R. It giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that all who in this place shall preach Thy word may be so filled with Thy Holy Spirit, that their wisdom and fervent zeal may turn back the hearts of sinners and establish the faith of all Thy children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[We love to sing below
For mercies freely given,
But, oh, we long to know
The triumph song of heaven.]

In the Chancel. 1 Peter iv. 10.

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

V. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness ;

R. And Thy saints sing with joyfulness.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that all who in this place shall minister to Thee may ever be mindful of the dignity of the office to which they are called, and that their prayers and praises may lead Thy people to the throne of grace, and be joined to the perpetual intercession of our great High Priest and Advocate with Thee, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[We love Thine Altar, Lord—

Oh, what on earth so dear?

For there, in faith adored,

We find Thy Presence near.]

At the Holy Table. 1 Cor. x. 16.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

V. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven,

R. That a man may eat thereof and not die.

Bishop. Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast given Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ not only to die for us but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the Holy Sacrament of His Body and Blood, grant that the memorial of His death may here be made with reverence and godly fear, and the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving be offered with holiness and joy, to the honour of Thy glorious name, the benefit of Thy whole Church, and the comfort of souls that shall live by feeding upon Him, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, may come to that holy Mystery with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. *Amen.*

Grant that all wandering thoughts, all carnal and worldly imaginations may be far from them; and all godly and spiritual meditations may come in their place, and may daily be renewed and grow in them. *Amen.*

Grant, when they pray, that their prayers may ascend up into Thy presence, as the incense; and the lifting up of their hands be as the daily sacrifice. Purify their hearts, sanctify their spirits, and fulfil all their minds, that what they faithfully ask they may effectually obtain, and ever give thanks unto Thee. *Amen.*

Grant, when they offer, that their Oblations and Alms may come up as a memorial before Thee; and they may feel and know that with such sacrifices Thou art well pleased. *Amen.*

Grant that this whole place which is here dedicated to Thee by our office and ministry may also be hallowed by the sanctifying power of Thy Holy Spirit, and so for ever continue, through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

[Lord Jesus, give us grace
On earth to love Thee more,
In Heav'n to see Thy Face,
And with Thy saints adore.]

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

HYMN.

SERMON.

HYMN, DURING WHICH THE COLLECTION WILL BE
TAKEN.

BLESSING.

Note.—The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Celebration of the Holy Communion shall be the same as in the Consecration of Churches, see p. 15.

ADDITIONAL FORM
FOR THE
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OF A CHURCH

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IV.

ADDITIONAL FORM FOR THE DEDICATION OF SPECIAL PARTS OF A CHURCH.

These may be made after the Second Lesson in Morning or Evening Prayer ; or before any Service.

N.B. *For the Dedication of an Altar, which must be done by the Bishop, see Service for Consecration of a Church.—*
(p. 14.)

In all cases the following words of Dedication may be used : to be followed by the Collect, &c. having reference to the particular object to be dedicated :

“In the Faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this —— to the glory of God [and in memory of His servant A.B.] in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.”

Then shall follow :

- I. *Of a Font.* [see p. 23.]
- II. *Of a Pulpit.* [see p. 25.]
- III. *Of a Lectern.* [see p. 24.]
- IV. *Of an Organ.*
- V. *Awake, thou lute and harp.*
- R. *I myself will awake right early.*

Let us pray.

O God, who didst appoint for the Levites instruments of music, to praise Thee because Thy mercy endureth for ever; Graciously vouchsafe to receive at our hands this Organ, which we dedicate unto Thy service, that we may sing our songs thereto in the House of the Lord; and grant us so to sing with the spirit and with the understanding also, that we may be numbered among them who shall sing the new song before Thy throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[*Note: It is suggested that here the Doxology should be played on the Organ.*]

V. *Of a Church Bell.*

V. Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals.

R. *Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who by the mouth of Thy servant Moses didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies; Be pleased to accept our offering of this the work of our hands: bless, hallow, and sanctify these Bells for our use, and grant that through this generation, and through those that are to come, they may continually call together Thy faithful people, to praise and worship Thy Holy Name.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these Bells to Thine House of Prayer, may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into Thy courts with praise.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall by reason of sickness or any other necessity be hindered from coming into

the House of the Lord, may by these Bells be reminded of the prayers of Thy Church and rejoice in the Communion of Saints.

Grant, O Lord, that all they who shall ring these Bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and so be counted worthy to stand with those who praise Thee evermore in the heavenly Jerusalem.

Grant, O Lord, that all they, for whose passing away from this world these Bells shall sound, may be received into the Paradise of Thine elect, there to find mercy, light, and everlasting rest: through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

[Then let the Bells ring a short peal.]

VI. *Of a Window.*

V. Her light was like unto a stone most precious.

R. *Even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.*

Let us pray.

Then shall follow, if proper, Memorial Collects, as below, and a Collect having reference to the special mystery or saint represented.

VII. *Dedication of any Object.*

V. Whosoever is of a willing heart:

R. *Let him bring his offering unto the Lord.*

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech Thee of Thy merciful goodness to accept these offerings that we make, not of our own but of Thine, for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give Thee: and grant that *these* —, which neither

art nor costliness can make meet for Thy service, may ever be hallowed by Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

N.B. *In the case of a Memorial, the following Collects may be used.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks for our *brother* whom it hath pleased Thee to deliver out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

O God of the spirits of all flesh, who killest and makest alive, who bringest down to the grave and bringest up, who givest rest to the souls of the dead in green pastures and chambers of peace with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all Saints, we commend to Thy gracious keeping the spirit of Thy servant (*or* handmaiden) *N.* who has departed in the faith of Thy Holy Name, beseeching Thee to [grant unto us such a measure of Communion with *him* as Thou seest to be good for us, and to] bring us together with *him*, to the joys of a blessed resurrection, all sin and evil being done away; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

FORM FOR
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V.

FORM FOR THE RE-OPENING OF A CHURCH AFTER RESTORATION.

The Bishop (if present), with the Clergy and others, shall proceed from the west door to the Chancel (and then, if convenient, shall make a circuit round the Church); during which the Litany, or a Psalm, or a Hymn shall be sung.

Then shall the Bishop (or other Minister) say the following Prayer at the Altar :

O most blessed Saviour, who, in the days of Thy earthly Ministry, by Thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honour such service as this which we are now offering unto Thee, be present with us by Thy Holy Spirit; and, because holiness becometh Thine House for ever, sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by Thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us; but that, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve Thee in all good works, who art our Saviour, Lord, and God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to restore and adorn this House for Thy honour and worship, and for the ministry of Thy holy Word and Sacraments. Bless, O Lord, them, their families, and substance, and accept the work of their hands; remember them concerning this; wipe not out this kindness that they have showed for the House of their God, and for the offices thereof; and grant that all who now or hereafter shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness to Thee for the same, by making a right use of Thy good gifts, to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall follow the Service of Holy Communion, with special Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, as in the Consecration of a Church; see p. 15.

Or, the Service of Morning Prayer, with special Psalms, and Lessons, as follows: Pss. xv, lxxxiv, c. 1st Lesson, Ezra iii. 2nd Lesson, St. John iv. 19-26.

Or, the Service of Evening Prayer, with special Psalms and Lessons, as follows: Pss. cxxii, cxxxiii, cxxxiv. 1st Lesson, Haggai ii. 2nd Lesson, Hebr. ix. 1-15.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR
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VI.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE CONSECRATION OF A BURIAL GROUND, OR, OF A FRESH PORTION OF A BURIAL GROUND.

Note.—On the Day of Consecration, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for Easter Even may be used at a Celebration of the Holy Communion; and at Morning or Evening Prayer, Pss. iv, xvi, xlix, may be used; and as Special Lessons, Gen. xxiii, and St. John xi. 18–47.

The Clergy, Choir, and Churchwardens will proceed with the Bishop round the Ground; while the following Psalms are sung or said:

Psalm xxiii.

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me ; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But Thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm cxxx.

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it ?

For there is mercy with Thee : therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for Him : in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Then shall the Bishop say :

I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord : even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done ; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then shall the Petition for Consecration be presented to the Bishop, with the words "Reverend Father in God, we beg you to consecrate this ground for the burial of our people;" the Bishop shall receive it, saying, "I am willing to perform the Consecration;" then, if he see fit, he shall speak unto the people as to the purpose for which they are come together; he shall cause the Sentence of Consecration to be read, and shall sign it, and direct its preservation.

Then shall he declare the Ground consecrated, and bless it as follows:

Good people, by virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God, we have now consecrated, and for ever set apart from all profane and common uses, this ground, to be the resting-place of the dead until the glorious Resurrection of the Last Day; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be ever upon this place, and sanctify and keep it holy, that it may be a fit resting-place for the bodies of His saints, until the day of the Lord Jesus, when He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. Amen.

Then shall he add these Collects:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the Resurrection and the Life, who by Thy Death hast overcome death, and by Thy Rising again hast opened to us the gate of everlasting life, who shalt send Thine angels and gather Thine elect from all the ends of the earth: we humbly beseech Thee for all those whose bodies shall here be committed to the ground, that they may rest in the hope of resurrection to eternal life through Thee, O blessed Lord God, who shalt change their vile bodies, that they may be like unto Thy glorious

body, according to the mighty working whereby Thou art able to bring all things into subjection to Thyself: who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit One God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life, we beseech Thee to shed forth upon Thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of Thy light and heavenly comfort, and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served Thee here and are at rest, may with them at length enter into Thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall be sung this Hymn :

On the Resurrection morning
Soul and body meet again;
No more sorrow, no more weeping,
No more pain!

Here awhile they must be parted,
And the flesh its sabbath keep,
Waiting in a holy stillness,
Wrapt in sleep.

For awhile the tirèd body
Lies with feet toward the morn;
Till the last and brightest Easter
Day be born.

But the soul in contemplation
Utters earnest prayer and strong,
Bursting at the Resurrection
Into song.

Soul and body reunited
Thenceforth nothing shall divide,
Waking up in Christ's own likeness,
Satisfied.

Oh! the beauty, Oh! the gladness
Of that Resurrection day,
Which shall not through endless ages
Pass away!

On that happy Easter morning
All the graves their dead restore;
Father, sister, child, and mother,
Meet once more.

To that brightest of all meetings
Bring us, Jesus Christ, at last;
By Thy Cross, through death and judgment,
Holding fast. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop dismiss the people with

THE BLESSING.

FORM
FOR A PUBLIC INSTITUTION
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VII.
FORM
FOR A PUBLIC INSTITUTION
[AND INDUCTION]

OR
LICENSING OF AN INCUMBENT TO THE
CURE OF SOULS.

The Bishop, having proceeded to the Altar, shall say :

Dearly beloved in the Lord : In the Name of God, and in the presence of this congregation, we purpose now to give Institution into [or, *license for*] the Cure of Souls, in this Parish to our well-beloved in Christ, A. B., Clerk, [Master of Arts]; and, forasmuch as the charge of immortal souls, which our blessed Lord and Saviour has purchased with His own most precious blood, is so solemn and weighty a thing, we beseech you to join together with us in hearty prayer to Almighty God, that He would vouchsafe to give to this His servant grace to perform aright the duties which appertain to so sacred and grave a trust.

[Then shall silence be kept for a space, so that prayer may be made to God.]

Then shall be said, all kneeling :

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

V. O Lord, save Thy people;

R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Endue Thy Ministers with righteousness;

R. And make Thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us;

R. As we do put our trust in Thee.

V. The Lord be with you;

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed Thy flock; Make, we beseech Thee, all Bishops and Pastors of Thy Church diligently to preach Thy Holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may together receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts, who of Thy Divine providence hast appointed divers orders in Thy Church; Give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same, and specially to this Thy servant now present before Thee; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great Name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; Grant that the Ministers and Stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by

turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall be sung,

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, etc.; *or, some other hymn.*

Then shall the Bishop be seated in a chair at the entrance to the Chancel: and the Patron, if he be present, or his representative, shall present the Clergyman to be instituted or licensed, with the words, "Reverend Father in God, we present unto thee A. B., to be instituted [or licensed] to the [Rector] of ."

Then shall the Bishop say, "Let the declarations and oaths be made, subscribed, and taken, according to law."

Then follow the Declarations to be made, and the Oaths to be taken, by the [Rector-elect].

THE DECLARATIONS.

1.—*Of Assent.*

"I, A. B., Clerk [Master of Arts], do solemnly make the following Declaration:—I assent to the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, and to the Book of Common Prayer and of the Ordering of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. I believe the Doctrine of the Church of England as therein set forth to be agreeable to the Word of God; and in Public Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments I will use the Form in the said Book prescribed, and none other, except so far as shall be ordered by lawful authority."

2.—*Against Simony.*

(The Form prescribed in the Benefices Act, 1898.)

THE OATHS.

1.—*Of Allegiance.*

"I, A. B., do swear that I will be faithful, and will bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Edward, His Heirs and Successors according to Law.

"So help me God."

2.—*Of Canonical Obedience.*

"I, A. B., do swear that I will pay true and Canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Worcester and his Successors, in all things lawful and honest.

"So help me God."

Then, the [Rector-elect] kneeling before him, the Bishop shall Institute or license him in the accustomed form.

Then, if it be a case for induction, the Archdeacon or his Deputy, taking the Mandate of Induction in his hand, shall proceed with the Bishop, the Churchwardens, and the newly-instituted [Rector] to the Church door, and laying the hand of the [Rector] upon the key or handle of the door, shall say to him after the accustomed manner :

"By virtue of this Mandate I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of the Church of _____, with all the rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging."

Adding also :

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

After which the newly-inducted [Rector] shall toll the bell, to signify to the Parishioners his so taking possession.

Then, the Bishop and the [Rector] standing at the Font, the Bishop shall say :

Hear the words of our Saviour Christ, written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew :

“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.”

It is the duty of the Minister frequently to admonish the people that they defer not the Baptism of their children; and diligently to seek out and bring any unbaptized persons in the parish to the Holy Sacrament of Baptism; and to catechize and prepare for Confirmation by the Bishop those who have been baptized.

The [Rector] : I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then they shall proceed to the place where the Prayers are said, and the Bishop shall say :

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the second chapter of the First Epistle to Timothy.

I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for Kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to say public prayer, and devoutly and reverently to order the service of God's house.

The [Rector]: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

And at the place where the Lessons are read the Bishop shall say:

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the third chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to study and read God's Holy Word, according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

The [Rector]: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

At the Pulpit the Bishop shall say:

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the fourth chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to preach God's Holy Word, and to use public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole; according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

The [Rector]: I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then they shall proceed to the Lord's Table, and the Bishop shall say :

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the tenth and eleventh chapters of the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ? For we being many are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread. As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come."

It is the duty of the Minister diligently and frequently to celebrate the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The [Rector] : I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then shall the Bishop, turning to the people, say :

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the fifth chapter of the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

"We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

I charge and exhort you, Brethren and Churchwardens of this Parish, to pray continually for this your Minister, who is set over you in the Lord, and to help him forward in all the duties of his holy calling. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

After which the Archdeacon (if present) shall say the following Prayer :

Let us pray.

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, who, of Thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us Thy only and most dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life ; who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors ; by whose labour and ministry He gathered together a great flock from all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of Thy Holy Name : For these so great benefits of Thy eternal goodness we render unto Thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship Thee ; and we humbly beseech Thee, by the same Thy blessed Son, to grant unto all which, here or elsewhere, call upon Thy Holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto Thee for these and all other Thy benefits : and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of Thee and Thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by this Thy Minister, as by them over whom he is now appointed Thy Minister, Thy Holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged ; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

Here shall the Bishop speak to the People.

Then shall be sung an Hymn.

Then shall the Bishop say :

O Almighty God, who makest us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure ; Give Thy servant grace truly to perform the solemn vows and promises by him made ;

grant that he may be a faithful dispenser of Thy Holy Word and Sacraments; and that he may be a godly example to the people committed to his charge; so that after this life ended they may come together to Thy Heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Bishop, laying his hands upon the [Rector], shall bless him thus :

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; make thee perfect in every good work to do His will, working in thee that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall he bless the people :

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The above shall serve also for the Institution or licensing of Incumbents, or the licensing of assistant Curates, in the Bishop's Chapel; the hymns, address, and what belongs to the Induction, being omitted.

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VIII.

FORM OF INDUCTION,

When the new Incumbent has not been publicly instituted in the Parish Church.

Upon the Sunday next preceding the day appointed for the Office for Induction shall be read during the time of Divine Service the following or the like notice, and a copy of the same shall be placed upon the Church door :

Notice is hereby given, that on next, the
at o'clock in the the Archdeacon will publicly
induct to the of this Parish the
The Parishioners are requested to be present, and to join
in prayer to Almighty God for a blessing on their newly-
appointed Minister, and on his ministrations among
them.

Upon the day and at the hour appointed the Evening Prayer shall be said to the end of the Third Collect ; with the proper Psalms and proper Lessons following.

PROPER PSALMS.

Psalms lxxxiv, cxxi, cxxxii.

PROPER LESSONS.

Ezekiel xxxiii. to verse 12.

Titus ii.

After the Third Collect there may be an Anthem or Hymn.

Here may follow an Address or Sermon.

Then the Archdeacon shall say,

Let us pray.

Then shall follow these Prayers, the people and Priest to be inducted kneeling.

Archdeacon. O Lord, save Thy servant ;

Answer. Which putteth his trust in Thee.

Archdeacon. Send him help from Thy holy place.

Answer. And evermore defend him.

Archdeacon. Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower,

Answer. From the face of his enemy.

Archdeacon. O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by Thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in Thy Church ; Mercifully behold this Thy servant now called to the charge of this Parish ; and so replenish him with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, he may faithfully serve Thee in this office, to the glory of Thy great Name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church ; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, that this Thy servant may so minister Thy Word and Sacraments that, having faithfully fulfilled his course, he may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord, the righteous Judge, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee ; Grant that this Thy servant may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the

Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon this Thy servant Thy heavenly blessing; that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word spoken by his mouth may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that these Thy people may have grace to hear and receive what he shall deliver out of Thy most Holy Word, as the means of their salvation; that in all their words and deeds they may seek thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Archdeacon shall read the Mandate of Induction, and, taking it in his hand, shall proceed with the Churchwardens, the Patron (if present), and the newly-instituted Priest to the Church door, and, laying the hand of the Priest upon the key or handle of the door, shall say to him after the accustomed manner: "By virtue of this Mandate I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of this Church of with all the rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging."

¶ *Adding also:*

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

After which the newly-inducted Incumbent shall toll the bell to signify to the Parishioners his so taking possession.

Then, the Archdeacon and the new Incumbent standing at the Font, the Archdeacon shall say,

Hear the words of our Saviour Christ, written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

It is the duty of the Minister frequently to admonish the people, that they defer not the baptism of their children; and diligently to seek out and bring any unbaptized persons in the parish to the Holy Sacrament of Baptism; and to catechize and prepare for confirmation by the Bishop those who have been baptized.

Then the new Incumbent shall say,

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then they shall proceed to the place where the Prayers are said, and the Archdeacon shall say,

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the second chapter of the First Epistle to Timothy,

I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for Kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to say public prayer, and devoutly and reverently to order the service of God's House.

The new Incumbent. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

And at the place where the Lessons are read the Archdeacon shall say,

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the third chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy,

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is

profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to study and read God's Holy Word, according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

The new Incumbent. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

At the Pulpit, the Archdeacon shall say,

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the fourth chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to preach God's Holy Word, and to use public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole; according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

The new Incumbent. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then they shall proceed to the Lord's Table, and the Archdeacon shall say,

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the tenth and eleventh chapters of the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ? For we being many are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread. As often as ye eat

this bread and drink this cup ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently and frequently to celebrate the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The new Incumbent. I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Then shall the Archdeacon, turning to the people, say,

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the fifth chapter of the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

I charge and exhort you, Brethren and Churchwardens of this Parish, to pray continually for this your Minister, who is set over you in the Lord, and to help him forward in all the duties of his holy calling. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Then shall silence be kept for a space, while the Congregation secretly in their Prayers make their humble supplications to God for these things, all devoutly kneeling. After which the Archdeacon shall say the Prayers following.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, who, of Thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us Thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesu Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors;

by whose labour and ministry He gathered together a great flock from all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of Thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of Thy eternal goodness we render unto Thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship Thee; and we humbly beseech Thee, by the same Thy blessed Son, to grant unto all which either here or elsewhere call upon Thy holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto Thee for these and all other Thy benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of Thee and Thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by this Thy Minister, as by them over whom he is now appointed Thy Minister, Thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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IX.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE ADMISSION OF LAY READERS.

When the day named by the Bishop is come, the persons to be admitted Readers, being habited in cassocks, shall be presented unto the Bishop (if possible by Incumbents in whose Parishes they are to serve, and by a representative of the Lay-readers of the Diocese), with these words :

Right Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons to be admitted to the office of Reader in the Church.

The Bishop.

Hath inquiry been made into their life and conversation and their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures ?

The Presenter.

Inquiry hath been made, and they have been found to be meet for the duties that will be required of them.

Then shall the Bishop say unto those present :

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as these persons now presented unto us have been found apt and meet to perform the duties of Readers in the Church, according to our Commission, we, on our part, are ready and willing to admit them to execute the duties therein set forth. But,

before we solemnly appoint them to this office, let us humbly call upon God in the Name of His Blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, beseeching Him to regard with His favour and blessing this our service, and to replenish these persons with His heavenly grace, that they may faithfully and dutifully execute their office to the honour and glory of God, and to the salvation of their fellow men.

Then all of those who are to be admitted kneeling before the Bishop, he shall stand up and say over them :

O Lord God Almighty, who dost vouchsafe Thy blessing to all that love Thy Word, look graciously on these Thy servants. Pour down upon them the abundance of Thy grace; make them modest in their ministration: ready to obey those set over them in the Lord: diligent to fashion and prove their lives according to Thy blessed Word. Make them wise in Thy commandments, and understanding in Thy statutes. Enlighten the eyes of their mind that they may know Thy truth as it is in Jesus, and fill them with a zealous and patient love for every soul for whom He vouchsafed to die; that through their labours Thy holy Church may be increased and edified, to the glory of the same Thy Son, our blessed Lord Jesus; who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop deliver into the hands of every one of them, humbly kneeling before him, the New Testament, and his license, saying :

Take thou authority to do the work of a Diocesan Lay Reader [*or Parochial Lay Reader, or Lay Reader, or Lay Catechist, or Lay Evangelist*] in this Diocese, as shall be appointed unto thee by the Bishop, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop bless the Readers, saying :

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, rest upon you and upon your work done in His Name. The Lord give thee wisdom, courage, strength, and love to do His will now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop say,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

The Lord be with you ;

Answer. And with Thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning ; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy Holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified ; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop bless those present, saying :

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

PART II.

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X.

SPECIAL FORMS

FOR THE

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

A.

Form of Service which may be used when the Prayer Book Service may not be used.

[Rubric before Burial Office in the Prayer Book : “ *Here is to be noted that the Office ensuing (The order for the Burial of the Dead) is not to be used for any that die unbaptized, or excommunicate, or have laid violent hands upon themselves.*”]

The Priest and Clerks meeting the Corpse at the entrance to the Church-yard, and going before it towards the grave, shall say :

Psalm cxxx.

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it ?

For there is mercy with Thee : therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for Him : in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

At the grave shall be said, Psalm xc. 1-12.

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made : Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction : again Thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in Thy displeasure : and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee : and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For when Thou art angry all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten ; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow ; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of Thy wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is Thy displeasure.

So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

(In each case without the Gloria).

Then may be read St. John v. 25-29.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in Himself, even so gave He to the Son also to have life in Himself: and He gave Him authority to execute judgement, because He is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done ill, unto the resurrection of judgement.

While the corpse is being made ready to be laid into the earth, and is actually being interred, the Priest shall say:

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Grace.

B.

Form of Service which may be used in the case of the burial of a baptized infant, "at the request of the relative, friend, or legal representative having the charge of or being responsible for the burial of the deceased."

The Priest and Clerks meeting the Corpse at the entrance of the Church-yard, and going before it, either into the Church, or towards the Grave, shall say, or sing,

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *St. John xi. 25, 26.*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh

shall I see God : whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job xix. 25, 26, 27.*

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away ; blessed be the Name of the Lord. *1 Tim. vi. 7. Job i. 21.*

*After they are come into the Church, shall be read
this Psalm.*

Psalm xxiii. Dominus regit me.

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me ; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But Thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Then shall follow the Lesson.

St. Mark x. 13-16.

And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them : and His disciples rebuked those that

brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

When they come to the grave, while the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth, the Priest shall say, or the Priest and Clerks shall sing:

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Priest shall say,

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God of His great mercy to take unto Himself the soul of our dear child here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in

sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto His glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

Then shall be said or sung,

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.
Rev. vii. 15.

Then the Priest shall say,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this our

brother out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee, that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who didst take little children into Thine arms and bless them: Open Thou our eyes, we beseech Thee, that we may perceive that Thou, in very goodness, hast taken this little child into the everlasting arms of Thine infinite love, and hast blessed *him* with the joys of Thine eternal kingdom; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that ~~as we are~~ baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

C.

The following prayer may be used for the benediction of a grave in an unconsecrated Cemetery.

O merciful God, we humbly beseech Thee to sanctify this grave to be a peaceful resting-place for the mortal remains of our dear *brother* here departed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XI.

FORMS OF SERVICE FOR DEDICATION AND PATRONAL FESTIVALS.

N.B.—On Sundays and Holy-Days for which special provision is made in the Prayer Book, nothing is to be substituted under any circumstances for the services of the day.

A. DEDICATION FESTIVAL.

Proper Psalms.

Any of the following may be used : Pss. 24 ; 26 ; 27 ; 84 ;
122 ; 132 ; 133 ; 134.

Proper Lessons.

Any of the following may be used :

1st *Lessons.* Hag. ii. 1-9 ; Ezek. xlvii. 1-12 ; 1 Chr.
xxix ; 1 Kin. viii. 22-53 ; 54 to end.

2nd *Lessons.* Acts iii ; Heb. x. 19-39 ; Rev. xxi. 1-8 ;
Eph. ii. 11 to end.

Proper Collects.

The following may be used :

O most blessed Saviour, who by Thy gracious presence
at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honour

such religious services as this which we are now performing unto Thee; Be present at this time with us also, by Thy Holy Spirit; and, because holiness becometh Thine house for ever, sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by Thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us, but that, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve Thee in all good works, who art our Saviour, Lord, and God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

Or,

O God, who year by year dost renew to us the day of the consecration of this Thy holy Temple, and dost suffer us once again to approach in safety to Thy holy mysteries; hearken to the prayers of Thy people, and grant that whosoever shall enter this Temple to ask Thy blessing, may rejoice in the fulfilment of all his petitions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Proper Epistle. 1 Cor. iii. 16 to end.

Proper Gospel. St. John x. 22-29.

The following Collect may be used immediately before the Blessing:

O Lord, we glorify Thee in Thy servants our founders and benefactors departed out of this present life; beseeching Thee that, as they for their time bestowed charitably to our comfort the temporal things which Thou didst give them, so we for our time may fruitfully use the same to the setting forth of Thy holy Word to Thy laud and praise; and finally that both they and we may reign with Thee in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

B. PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

On Patronal Festivals, where the Saint in whose name the Church is dedicated has a proper office in the Prayer Book, the service shall be that of the day; where the Saint has no proper office in the Prayer Book, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, and the Lessons, for All Saints' Day may be used; the words "blessed saint ——" being substituted for "blessed saints" in the Collect; for Proper Psalms any of the following may be used: 15; 16; 25; 26; 35; 116.

XII.

MISSIONARY SERVICES.

i. The following Collect is authorized by the Upper House of Convocation, and may be used at any time before the Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions of Men.

O God, our heavenly Father, who didst manifest Thy love by sending Thine only-begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him: Pour Thy Spirit upon Thy Church that it may fulfil His command to preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech Thee, labourers into Thy harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and all Israel shall be saved: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ii. The following Forms of Missionary Intercession published by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Church Missionary Society, and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, may be used at special Missionary Services.

FORM OF MISSIONARY INTERCESSION. S.P.G. 3d. each.

FORM OF MISSIONARY INTERCESSION FOR USE AT EVENING PRAYER. C.M.S. 1/6 per 100.

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